GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4384
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SEIZURE OF ANIMALS IN PRIVATE ZOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of endangered animals have been recovered in a private Zoo near Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 6-11-2000 `Aayush Resorts and Suruchi Farm` on Mumbai-Pune Highway at Shedung village, Panvel, was raided by forest officials where a number of wild animals and birds were kept under captivity. Details of animals and birds are as follows:-

1. Indian Gazelle 4

2. Flamingos 4

3. Barheaded Geese 9

4. Spotbilled Duck 5

5. Brahmini Duck 5
6. Saras Crane 2

7 Demoisle Crane 2

(c) A case of violation of Section 9, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 49 and 52 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, has been booked by Range Forest Officer (Vigilance) of Alibagh Forest Division. Three persons were arrested and two of them were produced before the judicial Magistrate.